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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have chalked out any action plan to provide financial assistance for imparting education to the children engaged in garbage removal, tannery and sanitation work in the country;
- (b) if so, the financial assistance proposed to be provided to each child; and
- (c) the number of children likely to be covered under this scheme during the year 2001-2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations covers children of scavengers, tanners, flayers and sweepers having traditional link with scavenging. The scheme provides financial assistance to the eligible children as per rates given below:-

Hostellers

Class III-VIII Rs.200 p.m.
Class IX-X Rs.250 p.m.

Day-scholars

Class I-V Rs.25 p.m.
Class VI-VIII Rs.40 p.m.
Class IX-X Rs.50 p.m.

An annual adhoc grant of Rs.500 is also admissible to all hostellers and day scholars.

Besides this, additional amount is paid to students with disability.

(c) During the year 2001-02, the scheme is expected to benefit about 4.50 lakh students.